

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 136

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 51

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to Better Hearing and Speech Month.

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SCR 136, Leyva. Better Hearing and Speech Month.

This measure would recognize May 2016 as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

WHEREAS, An estimated 40 million Americans have some type of communication and swallowing disorder, costing the United States approximately \$154 to \$186 billion annually due to lost work productivity, special education, and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Those citizens of California who have overcome their communication and swallowing disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, California also recognizes and values the efforts of all audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout our nation who work to help these individuals with communication and swallowing disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, California is proud and honored to have audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality education and health care services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists in California annually observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month during the month of May; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the month of May 2016 as Better Hearing and Speech Month and encourages all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication and swallowing disorders; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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